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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA FLASH

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PDIP, RO

SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT PHILIPPINE CENTER NEW YORK

REF: USUN 02657

FOR MANILA:

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH ROMULO TO GIVE HIM NEW YORK
POLICE REPORT OF INCIDENT (REFTEL) YOU SHOULD TRANSMIT
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY:

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QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
CONVEYING TO PRESIDENT (PRIME MINISTER) MARCOS MY HIGHEST
PERSONAL REGARDS, AND MY REGRETS AT THE UNFORTUNATE
INCIDENT WHICH OCCURED AT THE PHILIPPINE CENTER IN NEW
YORK. THE REPORT OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE CONCERNING
THIS INCIDENT IS BEING CONVEYED TO YOU BY AMBASSADOR MURPHY
AND I TRUST YOU WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. WE REGRET THAT OUR INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENT AND THE POLICE REPORT REMAIN INCOMPLETE BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY TO INTERVIEW PHILIPPINE CITIZENS WHO WITNESSED THE INCIDENT. WE HAVE ASCERTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT ONE OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED HAS DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BECAUSE OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARMED FORCES ATTACHE, AND WE APOLOGIZE FOR HIS INADVERTENT AND TEMPORARY DETENTION.

3. IN CONVEYING THE FOREGOING TO PRESIDENT MARCOS I HOPE YOU CAN ASSURE HIM OF OUR CONTINUING DESIRE IN ALL MATTERS TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES. WITH WARMEST REGARDS, END QUOTE.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO SEEK URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH MARCOS AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. HE WILL HAVE BY NOW SEEN NY POLICE REPORT AND HAVE RECEIVED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE VIA ROMULO.

B. WE HOPE THAT HE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ALL THAT COULD BE DONE WAS DONE, GIVEN THE CONFUSED SITUATION WHICH EXISTED DURING THE ACTUAL EVENTS AND THE PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM ALL WITNESSES.

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C. WE WOULD OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO MAKE PUBLIC THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO THE FORMIN ON THE MATTER IF MARCOS WISHES.

D. WE WOULD WELCOME HIS OWN VIEWS AND ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE MAY RESOLVE THIS ISSUE AND CONTINUE THE FORWARD MOVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN EVIDENT SINCE HE MET WITH VP MONDALE.

5. FYI: IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS WILL CLOSE MATTER ENTIRELY, INCLUDING NO HOST COUNTRY COMITE, NO GOP LEGAL ACTION AND NO NYCPD ACTION AGAINST PHILIPPINE NATIONALS, THREE OF WHOM APPARENTLY HAVE NO RPT NO IMMUNITY OF ANY SORT. END FYI.

6. FOR USUN:

PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR YANGO THAT AMBASSADOR MURPHY PLANS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND FONMIN ROMULO ON INCIDENT. WE HOPE THAT YANGO WILL SEEK AUTHORIZATION TO POSTPONE HOST COUNTRY COMMITTEE MEETING. PER LEONARD-

MAYNES TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT
AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL WRITE POLICE COMMISSIONER, TO
INFORM HIM OF OUR ACTION IN MANILA AND ALSO TO EXPRESS OUR
DEEP APPRECIATION FOR POLICE COOPERATION.

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